

The Clermont Town Council met on October 2, 2012. Ellen Rogers led the invocation and Mayor Nix led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor, James Nix, Council members, Debra Armour, Sonny Helton, John Brady, and Ellen Rogers. Deputy Clerk, Amy Lomax, and Town Clerk, Sandra Helton.

MINUTES: Sonny Helton made a motion to accept the September 2012 Minutes. John Brady seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

MINUTES: SPECIAL CALLED MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2012: John Brady made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2012 special called meeting. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES: John Brady made a motion to accept the minutes from the Executive session on October 2, 2012. Ellen Rogers seconded, and all council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: John Brady made a motion to accept the September 2012 Financial Statement. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

REPORT: ORDINANCE 97-01 PLANNING & ZONING: The Council reviewed this report.

OLD BUSINESS:

PAVING CONTRACT: Mayor Nix and Maintenance Supervisor Tommy Rogers met with representatives from Allied Paving and DOT in a pre-construction conference about the gym parking lot repaving. They marked several places to be milled out and new base installed. They also reviewed the estimates for top coat paving and determined that we might need a little more asphalt for the paving than DOT estimated. This is because of some low places in the lot that may require a little more top coating.

Mayor Nix asked the Council to approve money above the bid amount so we could get a good top coating on the parking lot. John Brady made a motion to approve up to an additional \$2,500.00 for the gym parking lot repairs and paving. Sonny Helton seconded, and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

ADDITIONAL FENCE AT CLAY E. GAILEY PARK. Mayor Nix asked Debbie Armour if she had been in contact with Brian Parks to see when he would be ready to start. He also said we had hauled dirt at the site and we can spread it after it dries. She replied that she had met with Brian Parks and he would begin installing the additional fence soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

COUNCIL MEMBER TIME:

JOHN BRADY: John Brady announced a Pancake Breakfast on November 17th at Corinth Baptist Church. The event is being sponsored by the North Hall Lions Club.

He also mentioned that he has been working with the schools on a tee shirt design/ flag design for our 100th Centennial Celebration in September 2013.

CLERK TIME: The Town Clerk noted the upcoming JLGGM meeting on October 22, 2012 which is being hosted by the City of Buford.

OTHER:

GYM RENOVATIONS: Mayor Nix reported that he has been meeting with Marty Nix, Scott Gibbs, and Ken Rearden about renovations of the Gym. He has been asking Hall County for assistance in renovating the gym. He said that the County was not going to have SPLOST VI funds to build a library in Clermont as promised. SPLOST VI collections have been much lower than expected at the time of the SPLOST VI vote. The County has had to cut several of the projects they had planned. Also, a lot of the money that would have gone for a library in Clermont went to the building at Nopone Park.

It appears that there may be some money left in the library portion of the SPLOST VI funds that might be used to make renovations to the gym and expand our library space and program offerings. These funds would have to be tied to the library since this was the purpose specified in the SPLOST VI referendum. Mayor Nix said we could convert the gym to meeting rooms, and open gathering place, etc. Removal of the basketball goals would be required to make some of the changes. The Council said they thought it was a good opportunity to move forward in this direction since we are unlikely to get a County run library with the funds we had anticipated getting.

WORK SESSION: The next scheduled work session will be October 16, 2012

ADJOURN: John Brady made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. Sonny Helton seconded and all Council members present voted in favor. Motion passed.

Sandra Helton, Town Clerk
